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1. A former Egyptian liaison officer with a United Nations delegation in Palestine, Ismail Sherin Bey, has just returned to Cairo from Paris. Upon his arrival he disclosed that Khashaba Pasha, Egyptian Foreign Minister, has complained "bitterly" in Paris that he has had no clear directive on Palestine from his government. He considers all his recent instructions to have been contradictory, and he has repeatedly asked what line he should follow. According to Ismail Sherin Bey, Khashaba Pasha was instructed merely to await the result of certain military operations, but none has developed.
2. In the opinion of Khashaba Pasha, the only course for Egypt and the other Arab League states to follow is to accept the Bernadotte Plan with some proposed modification of the Negeb boundaries. Khashaba indicated that he would oppose the Bernadotte Plan in open session of the United Nations, but that privately he would do his best to persuade the other Arabs to support it.
3. Ismail Sherin Bey states that Khashaba Pasha has also complained that Lebanese Prime Minister Riyad Sulh is doing his utmost to insure the rejection of the Bernadotte Plan, and that Khashaba has sent emissaries to persuade King Faruq that Egypt should undertake some military action, in order to regain prestige for the Arabs.
4. As a result of Khashaba's messages, King Faruq has appointed a special subcommittee, consisting of Prime Minister Nuqrashi Pasha; the head of the Royal Cabinet, Abd-al-Hadi; and the Minister of Defense, Muhammad Haydar, to study the situation and to submit proposals for instructing the Egyptian Foreign Minister.

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